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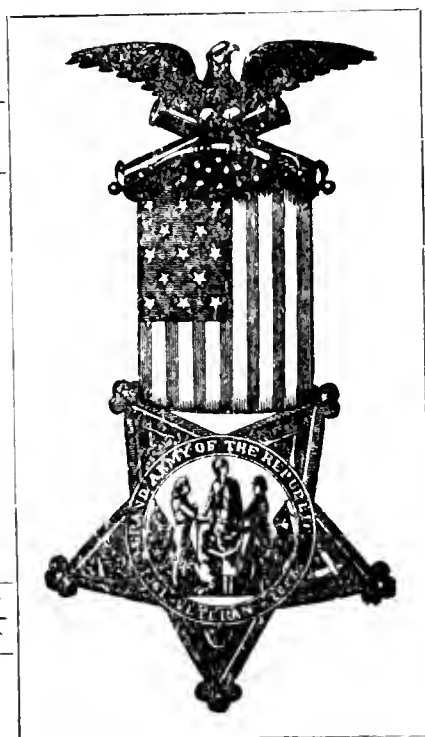
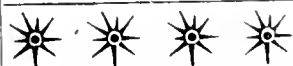
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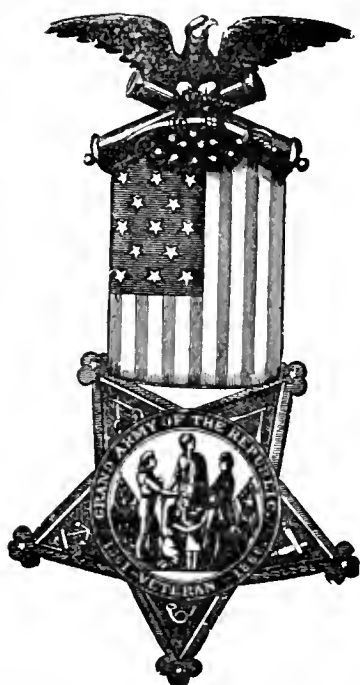
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Henry N. Blake

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MENT OF MONTANA

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Dillon, Montana, March 28, 1905.

In compliance with General Order No. 7, issued at Helena, Montana, February 22nd, 1905, by Henry N. Blake, Department Commander, the Twenty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, met in the I. O. O. F. Hall, at Dillon, Montana, the above date, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Encampment was opened in due form by Department Commander Henry N. Blake.

In the absence of Charles F. Gage, Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Ed. S. Walker was appointed to act in his place.

The Acting Assistant Adjutant General read General Order No. 7, issued by the Department Commander, stating time and place of holding this Encampment.

The roll of officers was called, and the following named Comrades, marked (*) answered to their names:

List of Officers and Members entitled to vote at the Twenty-first Department Encampment:

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Department Commander.....	*Henry N. Blake
Senior Vice Commander.....	W. H. Reed
Junior Vice Commander.....	*A. J. Fisk
Medical Director.....	C. B. Miller
Department Chaplain.....	*C. H. Davis
Council of Administration {*John O'Leary
*Thomas O'Connor
*C. B. Newbury
*A. N. Bull
J. H. Jackson

Representative to National Encampment.....	M. B. Spires
Alternate to National Encampment.....	L. E. Holmes
Assistant Adjutant General.....	Chas. F. Gage
Assistant Quartermaster General.....	*Ed. S. Walker
Assistant Inspector General.....	Ferd Kennett
Judge Advocate.....	J. G. Sanders
Chief Mustering Officer.....	*John S. Axtell
Chief of Staff.....	R. C. Wallace

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Charles S. Warren	Ela C. Waters
Junius G. Sanders	*J. E. Callaway
Ed. F. Ferris	Harry C. Kessler
J. O. Gregg	Robert E. Fisk
*Lester S. Willson	*T. C. Davidson
W. H. H. Dickinson	C. B. Miller
P. H. Manchester	F. P. Sterling
*A. N. Bull	*J. S. Wisner

LINCOLN POST NO. 2.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

C. D. Shomaker	B. N. Beebe
J. D. Jenks	W. P. Rodebank
Chas. S. Warren	J. B. Glover
J. E. Dowd	H. C. Kessler
J. H. Jackson	P. H. Manchester
*J. B. Scott	S. H. Almon
J. W. Masterson	J. G. Henneberry
L. E. Holmes	*O. L. Farnham
*R. G. Huston	*Henry Kemper, Present Commander.
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
*H. S. Libby	C. W. Howe
James Corkwell	John Kailey
J. W. Grant	James Stride
J. K. Melcher	E. H. Bruce

WADSWORTH POST NO. 3.

PAST POST COMMANDERS

R. C. Wallace	J. B. Loomis
J. G. Sanders	C. B. Miller
Geo. W. Shaw	Jno. A. Schmitt
Robert E. Fisk	J. T. Hedinger
*Ed S. Walker	L. D. Beary
Frank P. Sterling	Robert Gruner
Chas. F. Gage	*A. J. Fisk, Present Commander
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
*Wm. C. Lewis	W. D. Larken
Chas. G. Cram	James Crump
Chas. Horn	Chas. Mitchell
H. W. Garrett	A. J. C. Ehrich

CUSTER POST NO. 5.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

G. W. Rightenour	*J. R. Comfort
T. A. Foster	E. P. Day
E. L. Dickenson	W. A. Means
D. W. Thompson, Present Commander	
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
None reported	

FRANK BLAIR POST NO. 6.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*H. N. Blake	S. B. Page
Stephen Gainan	A. E. Gloyd
*T. P. Cox	H. L. Childs
J. B. Howe	*J. E. Callaway, Present Commander.
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
H. S. Howell	A. N. Rogers
*E. J. Conger	J. Shermerhorn

FARRAGUT POST NO. 7.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

W. H. Yeaton	George T. Chambers
N. Ebert	J. T. Lawrence
A. B. Hicks	*Thos. J. Mains
W. P. Mulholland	D. R. Buchanan
Fred Wright	O. E. Lamphear
J. H. Newman, Present Commander.	

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

*J. R. King	Jacob Fredericks
*James Cook	J. M. Melton
W. H. Gregson	H. V. Church

STEADMAN POST NO. 8.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*Josephus Rich	Hiram Gilmore
Fred Hopp	*Benjamin Bond
*J. F. O'Leary, Present Com.	Z. B. Yearian

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

*T. M. O'Connor	Hiram Gilmore
*T. B. Craver	*Wm. Reed

WILLIAM ENGLISH POST NO. 10.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*Jas. M. Lindley	E. F. Campbell
D. J. Brenneman	W. S. Mathews
*A. N. Bull	Jos. A. McElroy
Ed. F. Ferris	W. Y. Smith
George W. Flanders	R. M. Whitefoot
Henry Hellinger	Gotlieb Stuckey
*Lester S. Willson	B. F. Osborne
A. J. Edsall	*E. C. Kinney

Wm. Wade, Present Commander

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

W. F. Sanders	Harvey T. Short
*John S. Axtell	W. W. Wolverton
*J. N. Ramsey	J. N. Kelley

FRED WINTHROP POST NO. 11.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

C. W. Lombard	W. H. Rayner
*Pope Catlin	W. H. H. Dickinson
W. E. Bancroft	W. H. Reed
Samuel Bellew	Wm. Woodruff
*C. B. Newbury, Present Commander	
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
*J. P. Tallant	C. H. Grant
Frank Kohn	Joseph Willett

GEORGE G. MEADE POST NO. 16.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

*T. C. Davidson	Dennis Heffron
J. S. Wisner	H. T. Errett
A. Short	T. J. Ward
*Eber Golder	Lew Coleman
*John Cannovan	Roger Edwards
John Marchion	M. B. Spier
*E. A. Waterbury	*Chas. H. Davis, Present Commander
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
*James Sparrow	T. B. Mannix
James M. Sligh	Thos. Kershaw
James King	Chas. B. Smith

SHERIDAN POST NO. 18.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

J. O. Gregg	W. H. Safford
F. George Heldt	E. M. Mitchell
Frank Coombs	Stephen Spitzley
W. M. Cleeland, Present Commander	
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
Sterling McDonald	Willis Leach
J. A. Walker	O. G. Cooper

NAT LYONS POST NO. 23.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

D. J. Plume	Jacob Billings
J. D. Eaton	Ed. F. Morgan
R. C. Palmer	F. G. Miller
W. J. Sparks	A. L. Brown, Present Commander
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
None elected	

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN POST NO. 24.

PAST POST COMMANDERS.

H. H. Garr	E. Kessner
D. A. Snyder	*N. H. Morley
M. J. King	T. F. Abbott
*J. R. Hillman, Present Commander	
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
O. S. Hinds	J. B. Newell
Peter Darcy	Theodore Lewis
Andrew Kennedy	A. S. Carpenter

JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 27.

*Otis F. Johnston, Present Commander.

DELEGATE—John P. Hinchilwood.

MCKINLEY POST NO. 28.

James R. Goss, Present Commander.

Above report referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials named in said General Order No. 7, reported that the officers and members herebefore mentioned were entitled to seats as delegates and alternates in this encampment.

JOHN S. AXTELL,
T. P. COX,
JOSEHUS RICH.

Committee on Credentials.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

Upon motion the order of business, as adopted at the 20th Annual Encampment, were adopted as the order of business for this session.

Upon motion made by Past Commander Wisner, a committee was appointed to wait upon the Woman's Relief Corps and inform said Corps that the Encampment was in session and would be pleased to receive any delegation or communication from their Corps.

The president of the Woman's Relief Corps and a delegation of ladies were announced to be in waiting at the door; they entered the hall and were received, and an intermission taken for a few moments, which time was spent socially, whereupon they retired.

It was moved and seconded that the addresses of the Department Commander and the President of the Woman's Relief Corps be read in joint session at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Motion carried.

The following communications were received and read and ordered spread upon the minutes:

Dillon, Mont., March 23, 1905.

JUDGE HENRY N. BLAKE,

Department Commander, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir: It is with pleasure that we extend to you, as the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in Montana, a cordial invitation to make the Beaverhead Club the headquarters of all members of the G. A. R., resident as well as visitors. The officers and members of the Club will deem it a privilege and honor to be allowed to entertain the members of your organization during your encampment in Dillon. We trust that you will extend this invitation to all the members of the G. A. R. taking part in the Encampment.

Respectfully,

[Signed.]

EDWIN NORRIS, President,
B. N. STEVENSON, Secretary.

Executive Office, Helena, Mont., March 20, 1905,
Messrs. Hiram Gilmore and Benjamin Bond, Committee,
Dillon, Montana,

Dear Sirs: I am in receipt of yours of the 18th instant, inviting me to attend a reception of the officers and delegates of the Montana Department, G. A. R., to be held in Dillon on the evening of the 27th instant.

I appreciate your courtesy in including me among those invited, but regret that my business engagements here will prevent an acceptance.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

J. K. TOOLE.

The Department Commander appointed the following named committee to notify the Woman's Relief Corps of the time when the annual addresses of the Department Officers would be presented to the Encampment, inviting them to attend, viz: J. E. Callaway and John S. Axtell.

A recess was then taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

Encampment reconvened at 2 o'clock.

Comrades Comfort and O'Leary were appointed to escort the Woman's Relief Corps to the hall. The Corps having been received, Mrs. Ella Knowles Haskell read her annual address. This address was a very full and interesting report of the work of the Woman's Relief Corps for the past year.

The address of the Department Commander, Henry N. Blake, was then presented by him, and is as follows:

Comrades:

We have assembled with grateful hearts and rejoice most earnestly that we can look backward and behold another milestone in the toilsome and eventful journey of life. It has been our fate to take an active and honorable part in the times that tried men's souls in the history of our country. We remember with awe the days of gloom when the Republic was menaced with destruction by the furies of the rebellion, and we saw the triumphant end with the stars and stripes—without a rent—waving over the land of the free.

As the months roll by and our ranks are decimated, the memories of the scenes when we wore the uniform of the American Union grow more precious, and the bonds uniting these comrades in arms cannot be broken. We do not forget that we are allied with the most powerful voluntary association of men who faced the cannon's deadly mouth. These gatherings must dwindle but the hour is far distant when only one survivor of the Civil War will walk erect and be revered by the nation, like Hiram Cronk, the last of the war of 1812.

I congratulate all upon the happy auspices as we exchange the greetings of tried and true friendship and march forward to the unknown with sublime faith.

The reports of the officers exhibit the condition of the Department commencing April 20, 1904.

GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP

	Members.
By muster in 2 Posts.....	59
By transfer.....	13
By re-instatement.....	9
	—
Total.....	81

LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP

	Members.
By death.....	25
By honorable discharge.....	3
By transfer.....	5
By suspension.....	32
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Total....	65
Net gain....	16

	Posts	Mem.
In good standing, December 31, 1903.....	12	418
In good standing, December 31, 1904.....	14	434
Receipts during my term commencing April 20, 1904.....	\$398	17
Disbursements commencing April 20, 1904.....	366	48
Cash on hand April 20 1904.....	455	36
Cash on hand March 28, 1905.....	487	05
Net cash gain.....	31	69

At the last Encampment the per capita tax was reduced to eighty cents and this made a difference in the receipts of \$86.80.

The Posts mustered in were John A. Logan, No. 27, at Plains, and McKinley, No. 28, at Billings. This record of the year, when all the conditions are viewed, is satisfactory.

I have endeavored, as a matter of historical research, to ascertain the number of persons residing in Montana who have borne arms in support of a public cause against a foe equipped for defence. The officers of the census of 1900 prosecuted some inquiries of this char-

acter, and it is within our personal knowledge that we were questioned by the enumerators regarding the service we had been called upon to render in the army or navy of the United States. The results were not published by the government and my correspondence with the heads of bureaus was fruitless. I have been aided in my efforts by J. B. Fuller, the United States Pension Agent at San Francisco, a gentleman whose autograph is well known to this assembly, and who in a cordial manner devoted his valuable time to my requests.

During the fiscal year there was paid in this state the sum of \$260,347.29 to 1,895 pensioners. Of these 375 were widows, and there were survivors of the Indian wars 19, of the Mexican war 12, of the Spanish-American war 69, and of the Civil war 1,420. There are some who served during the period from 1861 to 1865, who have not been placed upon this roll. Ever since I assumed the duties of my office April 20, 1904, I have kept, with the best means in my power, a record of the brothers who have passed on, and there are 58 who will never obey the bugle call to duty. From June 30, 1903, to January 1, 1905, eighteen months, 112 pensioners died in Montana. Some may have escaped my observation through the failure of the press to record this conspicuous fact, but I am convinced there are in Montana 1,400 comrades. It is not convenient for all of them to belong to this order, but doubtless a majority have affiliated with us at some time.

The veterans of the Southern Confederacy have been forming camps upwards of five years, and I learn from official sources that they have 150 members. Four have fallen from their ranks during the year, and it was my sad privilege to attend the funeral of one, Andrew J. Nelson. After the surrender of their legions, the survivors of that mighty and valiant host, whom we met in mortal combat upon the land and sea, returned to their homes in the south. A small band settled at various times beneath the lights and shadows of the Rocky Mountains, but the figures I have submitted prove that the story, familiar by repetition, of the invasion of our territory by the left wing of Price's army, is a myth. The Confederate immigrants have been outnumbered by their embattled opponents in the ratio of at least six to one, and there are not within the state 250 persons who turned their guns against us in the Civil war.

William L. Stewart had the rare distinction of being a soldier through his own volition in both the Union and Confederate corps. He was born in the north and was living in the south when Fort Sumter was fired on and for some time was a sincere defender of the

stars and bars. Having changed his views concerning the principle at stake, Stewart deserted and enlisted in our battalions under an assumed name. Stewart resumed his true name at his discharge, and although entitled to receive a pension, could not be mustered into our ranks because he had voluntarily borne arms against the United States.

On many occasion the settlers have organized temporarily to repel raids by the Indian tribes. The most notable was the Montana Militia that had headquarters in the months of May, June and July, 1867, near the mouth of Shields river, upon the banks of the Yellowstone. I served upon the staff of the commander, Major General Thomas Thoroughman, who had been a follower of the Confederate flag. I won the rank of Colonel and received no other compensation for my conduct in this campaign, and retain my commission as an heirloom.

The celebrated so-called retreat of the Nez Percés under Chief Joseph occurred in 1877, and the people obeyed the urgent cries for help to protect the settlements.

There can be found about 250 residents who shared in the perils incident to these warlike expeditions.

The first regiment of the Montana Infantry, United States Volunteers, achieved renown by gallantry in the Philippines, and was mustered out October 17, 1899, in California, with 48 officers and 676 enlisted men, and it is believed that those who finally pitched their permanent tents on our soil will not exceed 450.

Four companies, 320 Montanians, were assigned to the Third Regiment, United States Cavalry, and about 225 abide with us.

There are refugees from every quarter, who have been engaged in revolutions in the land of their birth, and others who have been discharged at the expiration of their term of enlistment in the standing armies of the old world. I will indulge in one trait of the Yankee and guess there are about 75 in this class.

Excluding the Indians and companies of regulars in military posts, we have within our boundaries 2,650 sons of Mars who have been exposed to the dangers of sanguinary conflict and can tell how fields were won or lost.

In reviewing the scroll of the departed, it is proper to remember here and now those who have been crowned with honors by the Encampments of this Department, and I speak in words of profound eulogy and sorrow of Peter R. Dolman, Post Department Commander in 1894, whose zeal never abated and who exulted with pride in his membership; of James H. Mills, Senior Vice-Commander

in 1887, who labored with his great talents to build the strong and sure foundations of this commonwealth; of Washington H. Black, Junior Vice-Commander in 1903, who always manifested a deep interest in the welfare of the Order; of Samuel A. Swigett, Alternate Delegate to the National Encampment in 1902, a noble champion of the claims of the soldiers and sailors of the nation, and of George H. Piatt, the Senior Aide and Chief of Staff in 1900, and patriotic instructor, who was faithful in every trust unto death.

I know you will pardon me for alluding to the passing away of William H. H. Ewing January 11, 1905, eighty-six years old. To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Ewing was at this time the senior soldier in Montana, who had fought in the armies of his country. He was with the Missouri volunteers and participated in the battle of Okechobee, Florida, Christmas day, 1837, when our troops, commanded by Colonel Zachary Taylor, defeated the Seminoles. He was in the war with Mexico, and carried in his knee through life a buck-shot, received in 1847 at Taos, New Mexico. This hero of two wars was an attendant at our services on Memorial Day, and enjoyed above all things the companionship of the soldiers of a later generation.

I made three visits to the Soldiers' Home, Columbia Falls, when the meetings of the Board of Managers were held in May, August and December, 1904. In my opinion the funds at the disposal of the managers have been wisely expended to promote the health and comfort of the unfortunate inmates, our comrades. The burden of advancing age presses down upon all and has been increased by the hardships of campaigns, and the constitution of the strong is readily undermined. It is my sincere hope that an ample appropriation will be voted by the next legislative assembly and that the compulsory labor of the inmates will be dispensed with. I inspected the Soldiers' Home at Chelsea, Massachusetts, during my trip to the National Encampment. The chief advantage of the last institution is the purchase of supplies in the markets of the neighborhood, and there was no superiority in other respects.

It was my prerogative to be the representative of the Grand Army of the Republic of the State at the 38th National Encampment which convened at Boston, Massachusetts, August 17, 1904. I confess that personal considerations swayed my emotions in participating in this event, for I was born in the ancient town and was numbered in one of her regiments. I cannot utter anything which would be new, as the proceedings were fully reported and printed in every journal and you have read and reread the details. The arrange-

ments for the entertainments of the visitors were as perfect as untiring energy, liberal contributions and loyal people could devise. The gates of the metropolis of New England turned on golden hinges and were open for the veterans who came from every hamlet, and warm welcomes resounded from street to street. 25,000 Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, with the Commander in Chief, John C. Black and his staff in the van, marched to the strains of martial music and were reviewed by Governor Bates and Mayor Collins and others in authority. Half a million spectators, including 10,000 comrades who were infirm or disabled, cheered these saviours of their liberties with the gratitude and enthusiasm which thrilled our ancestors in applauding the soldiers of the Revolution. And yet, one thing was lacking, or my cup of happiness would have been filled to overflowing. I read this extract from General Orders No. 13, of the Commander in Chief: "No. 36. The Department of Montana will form on Hereford Street, right resting 120 feet southerly from Newbury Street, and left extending 20 feet southerly on Hereford Street toward Boylston Street." This audience could have found standing room in the space assigned to this Department. On this red letter day in our fraternity, no standard bearer was present and the Department of Montana consisted of one, who now addresses you. Our colors were ready for use, and some of our comrades were in the immense throng, but no re-inforcements came to my relief. Most fortunately, a young man wearing the uniform of the Sons of Veterans, accepted my invitation to suffer the fatigue of the march and carry a guidon by which your delegation could be identified. I may be vainglorious, but the reception accorded me and my companion could not have been more inspiring if a large delegation from this department had been in the line. My aide performed his task to my entire satisfaction and his name should be preserved in our archives, Jessie R. Paine, First Sergeant James H. Osgood Camp 22, Division of New Hampshire, Sons of Veterans, United States of America, Sun Cook, New Hampshire. I respectfully recommend that resolutions expressive of our obligations to Sergeant Paine for his timely assistance to this Department be adopted. It is not probable that this parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will ever be surpassed.

You are aware that the 39th National Encampment will convene at Denver, Colorado, for the week beginning September 9, 1905, and I trust with confidence that due amends will be made for the offense of omission in 1904, and that the Department will be represented by a strong delegation. In Circular Letter No. 3, dated

February 22, 1905, the Commander in Chief expresses the hope that he may be able to visit Montana between the 10th and 30th days of July and attend Camp Fires at cities situated on the railroad over which he travels on his way to Washington, Oregon and Alaska. I can assure General Blackmar that he will be welcomed within this jurisdiction by the old guard in a style befitting his high rank.

It afforded me intense satisfaction to look upon and admire the equestrian statue of Major General Joseph Hooker upon the grounds of the State House in Boston. It was my good fortune to be in the first brigade and first division of this officer, and it is a pleasant theme, after an interval of long, long years, to recall in this presence, one who is enrolled with the bravest of the brave. Near this soldier in bronze may be seen the statues of Horace Mann and Daniel Webster, and the monument to Colonel Shaw of the 54th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, Infantry, and posterity will be taught by these illustrious exemplars, who won victories in war and peace, the everlasting lessons of patriotism, sacrifice and fortitude.

At a meeting of Wadsworth Post No. 3, held December 10, 1904, a resolution was adopted requesting the Legislative Assembly to make an appropriation for the erection of a flag staff upon the Capitol Building and a purchase of the United States flag. The Posts of the Department were notified in General Orders No. 5 of this action and asked to consider the subject, and a unanimous approval was the answer. The law accomplishing this object was approved February 21, 1905, and after the necessary work has been completed the star spangled banner will float over our Capitol Building.

Of a kindred nature is the law approved March 2, 1905, to prevent and punish the desecration of the Stars and Stripes. The Sons of the American Revolution have secured the passage of statutes of like import in many states, and it is fitting that Montana should adopt this drastic measure to preserve, untarnished, from the hands of thoughtless despoilers, the National Ensign.

At the request of the Quartermaster General of the Army, I furnished his office with a copy of the Act relating to the burial of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, approved February 28, 1903.

I have had several inquiries concerning this matter, and it may not be deemed out of order if I refer to the provisions of the law. The Board of County Commissioners is required to designate a person who shall cause to be decently interred the body of any soldier, sailor or marine who has served in the army or navy of the United States and received an honorable discharge, and has not left sufficient means to defray funeral expenses. The sum of \$50.00 may be

expended for this purpose, and the clerk of the board is directed to apply, under an Act of Congress, to the proper authorities for a suitable headstone to be placed at the head of the grave.

There is a topic of vital importance often spoken of within our circles, but in my judgment finally settled, and that is pensions. Far be it from me to violate one syllable in our rules by introducing partizanship, but we have the right to be thankful that the soldiers and sailors of the Republic have a sterling and sympathetic friend in the presidential chair—Hon. Theodore Roosevelt. No complaints have been uttered against the enforcement of the laws by the pension bureau since the oath of office was taken by our comrade, President McKinley. The statutes regulating the granting of pensions are justly and liberally interpreted and meritorious cases are provided for by special legislation. The appropriations by Congress in rewarding the patriots of the nation have reached the enormous figures of billions, and no nation, ancient or modern, has displayed such prodigality.

I have bestowed considerable attention upon the Sons of Veterans with a view of executing the wish expressed at the last Annual Encampment of this Department, but I cannot submit a favorable report. My attendance at the national encampment afforded me an excellent opportunity to determine its strength and standing with the public. It may be the feeling of false pride, but the consensus of opinion seemed to be that as long as companies of the Grand Army of the Republic can parade, the Sons of Veterans will not thrive. It is uphill labor to weld them into prosperous societies in the centers of population, and in Montana, where the people occupy an imperial domain, the chances of success at the present time are dubious, and our children and children's children must wait.

In this connection, I invite your attention to the observance throughout the state of Memorial Day, 1904. The reports are uniform in declaring that appropriate exercises were held in cemeteries where the comrades who have gone before repose forever. The proceedings created a lasting impression and all were affected when the tribute of affection and patriotism was rendered to the dead.

I should be found wanting in official responsibility if I did not sing the praises of our dear sister, the Woman's Relief Corps. We know our auxiliary inspires the gospel of exalted love of country, promotes pure sentiment in every sphere, and performs daily good deeds. May this blessed light continue to shine and illuminate with welcome beams every Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The officers of the Department during my administration have been diligent and are entitled to the reward of good and faithful servants.

In conclusion, I reiterate my thanks for your confidence shown in my election, and I am ready to greet my successor and surrender the emblems of authority and then resume my place in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrades A. N. Bull, J. M. Page and J. E. Callaway were appointed as a committee to which was referred the Commander's address.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

Helena, Montana, March, 28, 1905.

To the Department Commander and Comrades of the Encampment:

The affairs of the Department have been running smoothly during the past year, and it has not been a difficult matter to attend to the duties pertaining to my office.

The saddest thing we have to chronicle is the rapidly increasing death roll of our Comrades. Particularly has this been noticeable in my own Post, where the charter has been almost continually draped in mourning and our records lengthened in recording the history and merits of our deceased comrades. Let us stand shoulder to shoulder, dear Comrades, and fill up the decimated ranks as best we can. Each year our number at the campfire is growing less, and those of us who meet today in this lovely, hospitable city of Dillon, and to whom our God has been very gracious, are only waiting, "waiting for the war to cease."

Submitted in F. C. and L.,

ANDREW J. FISK,

Junior Vice-Commander.

Which said report was referred to Comrades G. W. Newman, James Cook and E. C. Kinney.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

The Assistant Adjutant General being absent, his report was presented by the Assistant Quartermaster General, Ed. S. Walker, and is as follows:

TO HENRY N. BLAKE,

Commander of the Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I herewith submit my report of the condition of the Department as shown by the records of this office from April 22, 1904, to March 26, 1905.

The following shows the gains and losses in membership for the year ending December 31, 1904:

In good standing Dec. 31, 1903.

Posts, 12

Members, 418

GAINED DURING FIRST TERM.

By Muster in	Posts, 1	Members 20	
By Transfer		" 8	
By Reinstatement		" 4	
Total Gain	Posts 1	" 32	
Aggregate	" 13	"	450

LOSSES DURING FIRST TERM

By Death		Members 10	
By Honorable Discharge		" 1	
By Transfer		" 5	
By Suspension		" 4	
Total Loss		" 20	
In good standing June 30, 1904	Posts 13	"	430
Net gain during first term	Posts 1	" 12	

GAINS DURING SECOND TERM

By Muster in	Posts 1	Members 39	
By Transfer		" 5	
By Reinstatement		" 5	
Total Gain	Posts 1	" 49	
Aggregate	Posts 14	"	479

LOSSES DURING SECOND TERM.

By Death		Members 15	
By Honorable Discharge		" 2	
By Suspension		" 28	
Total Loss		" 45	
In good standing Dec. 31, 1904	Posts 14	"	434

Net gain during year, 2 Posts and 16 members

The gain of one Post as reported in the first term of 1904, properly belongs to the credit of Past Commander Wisner's administration, but having been mustered in in February, 1904, could not be reported in his returns to National Headquarters.

In October, 1904, a petition was received from Comrades in Billings bearing the requisite number of signatures, for a charter for a Post at that place.

In accordance with your orders a charter was granted under the name of McKinley Post No. 28. The Comrades were requested to set a time when they could meet for muster in. On receiving notice of the time set it was too late to notify the Chief Mustering Officer, and Comrade C. H. Boynton, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, was detailed to proceed to Billings and muster in the Post.

Comrade Boynton on his return reported that he had mustered in the Post in regular form with a membership of twenty Comrades, including a full set of officers. I am pleased to say that all the Posts of the Department have been more prompt in sending in their reports this year than has been the case in the past few years, so that the Department was able to report to National Headquarters in good time. With thanks to all for courtesies extended during the past year, I am

Very respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

CHARLES F. GAGE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Report of the Assistant Adjutant General was referred to Comrades Pope Catlin, O. T. Johnson and Isaac Tallant.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

HENRY N. BLAKE,

Department Commander.

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of this office from April 23d, 1904, to this date:

Cash on hand April 23d, 1904.....	\$455 36
Cash received to date.....	398 17
Total.....	\$853 53
Total disbursements.....	368 08
Cash balance on hand.....	\$485 45
Net increase for the term.....	\$ 30 09

I submit herewith statements showing in detail the receipts and expenditures, marked Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B."

EXHIBIT "A"—RECEIPTS.

NAME OF POST	No. of Post	Per Capita Tax 1904		Supplies	Total
		June 30	Dec. 31		
Lincoln.....	2	\$ 35 50	\$ 15 60	\$ 1 50	\$ 52 60
Wadsworth.....	3	32 80	33 60		66 40
Custer.....	5	6 00	2 60		8 60
Frank Blair.....	6	7 50	4 50		12 00
Farragut.....	7	16 50	10 70	2 92	30 12
Steadman	8	10 00	5 20		15 20
Wm. English.....	10	18 00	10 00		28 00
Fred Winthrop.....	11	20 00	16 40	7 30	43 70
Geo. G. Meade.....	16	15 20	14 80		30 00
Sheridan.....	18	6 50	3 60		10 10
Nat Lyons.....	23	13 00	9 00		22 00
George B. McClellan	24	18 50	9 50	6 15	34 15
John A. Logan.....	27	5 00	3 50		8 50
McKinley.....	28		8 00	28 80	36 80
Total.....		\$204 50	\$147 00	\$ 46 67	\$398 17

EXHIBIT "B"—DISBURSEMENTS.

1904.			
April	25.	Union Bank and Trust Company, bond.....	\$ 2 00
"	26.	Geo. W. Huffaker, stamps.....	5 00
"	28.	Gt. Northern Exp. Co., express, Adjutant's desk	2 20
May	5.	Whitehead-Hoag Co., Encampment badges....	14 40
"	16.	H. S. Thurber Co., printing orders.....	4 25
"	17.	J. Harden, Drayage.....	1 00
"	17.	H. N. Blake.....	12 00
Jan'y	1.	H. S. Thurber Co., printing letter heads, etc....	10 50
"	1.	Emma Downs, typewriting.....	1 00
"	1.	Chas. F. Gage, 1st quarter salary.....	18 75
"	1.	Ed. S. Walker, 1st quarter salary.....	18 75
"	1.	National Headquarters, per capita tax.....	7 58
"	20.	Geo. W. Huffaker, stamps.....	5 00
"	29.	H. S. Thurber Co. printing proceedings.....	50 35
"	29.	H. S. Thurber Co., printing rosters and orders..	10 50
Aug.	3.	Northern Pacific Express Co., banner to Boston.	4 75
Sept.	3.	Great Northern Express Co., banner from Boston	4 25
"	18.	H. N. Blake, expense on banner.....	1 50
Oct.	1.	Chas. F. Gage, 2nd quarter salary.....	18 75
"	1.	Ed. S. Walker, 2nd quarter salary.....	18 75
"	25.	Telephone Company, telephone to Billings.....	2 50
"	27.	C. A. Campbell, filling out charter.....	1 00
"	28.	A. P. Curtin, 1 box of seals.....	65
"	28.	C. H. Boynton, expense to Billings.....	15 00
Nov.	29.	G. W. Huffaker, stamps.....	5 00
Dec.	27.	National Headquarters, supplies.....	39 40
1905.			
July	2.	C. F. Gage, 3d quarter salary.....	18 75
"	2.	Ed. S. Walker, 3d quarter salary.....	18 75
"	2.	H. S. Thurber Co., printing orders.....	3 50
"	6.	John Harding, drayage.....	1 00
"	6.	G. W. Huffaker, box rent.....	75
"	23.	National Headquarters, per capita tax.....	7 65
Feb'y	27.	G. W. Huffaker, stamps.....	2 00
March	7.	H. S. Thurber Co., printing orders.....	2 75
"	20.	Gt. Northern Express Co., express charges.....	60
"	25.	C. F. Gage, 4th quarter salary.....	18 75
"	25.	Ed. S. Walker, 4th quarter salary.....	18 75
Total.....			\$368 08

The consolidated report of the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1904, is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last report.....	\$.697 58
Receipts from all sources.....	1,095 75
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Total.....	\$1,793 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Per capita tax.....	\$ 173 60
Relief from Post funds.....	147 00
All other disbursements.....	737 15
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Total.....	1,057 75

Cash balance on hand.....	\$ 735 58
Cash invested in collateral.....	800 00
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Total.....	\$1,535 58

VALUE OF POST PROPERTY.

Cash balance in Post funds.....	\$ 735 58
Cash in collateral.....	800 00
Market value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	1,800 00
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	1,180 00
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Total value of Post property.....	\$4,515 58

Respectfully submitted,

ED. S. WALKER,

Assistant Quartermaster General.

Referred to the Council of Administration.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERAL.

Department of Montana, Helena, Montana March 13, 1905,
 To CHAS. F. GAGE,
 Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

Comrade:

Herewith find report in duplicate with the original reports of inspector, which I suppose are to be filed in Department Headquarters. Am very sorry that I will not be able to attend Annual Encampment

Yours in F. C. and L.,

FERDINAND KENNETT,

Assistant Inspector General, Dept. of Montana.

Office of the Department Inspector,
 Department of Montana, G. A. R.,
 Missoula, Montana, March 13, 1905.

To Inspector General, G. A. R.,

Comrade:

I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903. Only seven Posts having made reports to this office:

Total number of Posts.....	14
Total number of members in good standing.....	434
Number of Posts inspected.....	7
Number of Posts not inspected.....	7

Attendance of Officers and Members at Post Meetings.

Officers, regular.....	5
Officers, fairly regular.....	2
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified.....	5
Number of posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped, fully.....	0
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed.....	0
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept.....	7
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded.....	14

Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	0
Aggregate of Post relief funds.....	0
Aggregate expenditures by Posts for relief.....	\$ 172 00
Aggregate of funds in hand of Post Quartermasters.....	1012 55
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts.....	1186 96
Number of Posts with Woman's Relief Corps attached.....	4
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	0

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

FERDINAND KENNETT,

Department Inspector.

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

Butte, Montana, March 26, 1905.

CHARLES F. GAGE,

Assistant Adjutant General,

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report, as required by the Rules and Regulations of the Order. That "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" prevails in the Posts of this Department, is evidenced by the fact that the first, last and only, official duty, to which the Judge Advocate has been invited during the year, is the preparation of this report at the close of his official term.

The Old Guard is marching in faltering but harmonious tread, down the western slope of life, to that peaceful river which shall bear them to realms unknown. In the few years that remain to us, let us not forget "the faith that is in us," let us not retract one iota from those principles for the maintenance of which we gave the highest pledge, and made the greatest sacrifice possible for a citizen to make to his country. Let us rejoice and be glad that our country is again united under one flag and with one hope and one destiny. Let us rejoice when Federal and Confederate, "Yank" and "Johnny Reb" join hands in every patriotic movement for the welfare of our common country. But in these days, when the memory of the leaders of the Great Rebellion, perpetuated in Marble and Bronze, are occupying high niches in the Halls of Fame, when the Captured Flags are being returned, without a murmur or a protest, let us not forget to insist, on all proper occasions, that in the great struggle for the preservation of the American Union we were right, and those who fought against us were wrong, eternally wrong.

I take the liberty of suggesting to the Encampment, the desirability of arranging for our next Department Encampment, a joint meeting with the Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans. As a member of that organization I am enabled to say that this matter has been discussed at their meetings and received with much enthusiasm.

Thanking the Commander and Comrades for past honors conferred, and regretting my inability to be with you on this occasion, I am

Yours in F., C. & L.,

JUNIUS G. SANDERS,

Judge Advocate.

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was read, and is as follows:

Philipsburg, Montana, March 27th, 1905.

HENRY N. BLAKE,

Department Commander.

My Dear Comrade:

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations I have the honor to report that the duties imposed on the Chief Mustering Officer during the past year have not been exacting nor laborious. When you appointed me to this honorable office it was my earnest hope that I would be called upon to aid in the instituting of at least one Post in the Department, but owing to the lack of time, that pleasure was not accorded me.

It is apparent to me that there remain many worthy veterans of the Civil War who are not members of this Order, and it is respectfully recommended that recruiting parties be appointed whose duty it shall be to gather into our ranks these worthy soldiers and sailors of the Republic. In the city where I reside there is no Post, and there has been none since the year 1898. And within the borders of the county there reside, to my certain knowledge, at least twenty veterans, and all are eligible to membership in our great Association. Because of the disbanding of the Post in Philipsburg, that noble Order, the Woman's Relief Corps, has also ceased to exist as an organization.

With a little effort on the part of officers and comrades I believe that Burnside Post No. 22 and its auxiliary could be reorganized, and I trust that an effort will be made to this end.

It is with pleasure that I bear witness to the fact that you have at all times the best interests of our order at heart, and that you exemplify the true spirit of comradeship.

All the officers of the Department have shown me extreme kindness and courtesy, and for this I desire to thank them.

In conclusion, Commander, I wish to thank you for the honor accorded me and for the confidence expressed by you in appointing me as your Chief Mustering Officer.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

JOHN S. AXTELL,

Chief Mustering Officer.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Anaconda, Montana, March 23, 1905,

Commander and Comrades:

With limited facilities at hand, I submit herewith a brief report. It is a delight, however, for me to report to those whom we have learned to love, and we always desire to honor; trusting that this Encampment may be much enjoyed and also prove instructive and advantageous.

The office of Chaplain will be of very little force unless the duties belonging thereto are faithfully discharged at the proper time.

Such obligations become more important and signify more meaning as time rolls on, because the G. A. R. is rapidly passing into history.

During the present year ten Posts have reported through their respective Chaplains or Commanders. General Orders No. 3 from our Department Headquarters did not succeed very well in influencing the Post officials to prompt compliance. The Department Chaplain also sent reminders through the United States mail to most of the Posts, emphasizing the positive necessity of doing their part of the work. We gather from such reports as have come to hand, that three hundred and eighty-nine Comrades participated in the exercises of last Memorial Day, and three hundred and ninety-nine graves were decorated, with thirty-five civic organizations and fraternities joining in the parade and heartily assisting to make the occasion a success. Through the kindness of the orders, the physical and financial burdens of the Comrades were made lighter, and with respectfulness and decorum the purposes of our association were better served.

Then, too, the Loyalty to duty and the tender services of the Woman's Relief Corps and the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in their loving ministrations are very deserving of proper mention and appreciative sympathy.

Heretofore the sacred significance of Memorial Day and its exercises has been marred by varied amusements. It is pleasing to note that such indulgences are becoming less conspicuous, and instead there seems to be a growing patriotism in an appreciative people, with reference to Memorial Day, the Sunday of the nation.

The efficiency of the Grand Army of the Republic as an organization depends largely on the kind of work done by each individual Post. Slackness in Post duties necessarily result in incomplete records. Our beloved association should be the custodian of much valuable information for permanent records and for the written history of this nation. The promptness and accuracy of Post work will greatly facilitate the securing of facts indispensable to completeness of such records, whose valuation will become more marked as the years roll on. The man behind the gun can still be a great power if strictly faithful to duty.

We, who are still tenting on the shores of time, should feel increased weight of responsibilities, for our ranks are thinning out, and our Comrades are rapidly passing over the last river, yet they are truly enshrined in our hearts and in the hearts of their countrymen, in living deeds and immortal sacrifices. God has been very gracious to us, who now live to witness the progressive results of our civil war and have the privilege of participating in further developments of our glorious heritage.

May none of us be satisfied without including in our enlistment "the good fight of faith" and "lay hold of eternal life." He who guarded us amid the shafts of death on the battle field, protected us from the arrows of disease, and has shielded us from countless dangers in civil life, will soon summon us to the Grand Encampment, there to be clothed with eternal victory, if only true to ourselves, our country and our God.

Every true and faithful soldier ought naturally to be cheerful and possessed of sublime courage when on his last march for home and his eternal reward. In the morn of that great day, when the reveille shall sound forth the universal call, we, too, shall then be summoned to the enjoyments and rewards of our eternal home.

Therefore, while here, let us be wise by seeking the best equipments for the accomplishment of the grandest things for God and for humanity.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

C. H. DAVIS,

Department Chaplain.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

Helena, Montana, March 24th, 1905.

GEN. HENRY N. BLAKE,

Commanding Department of Montana, G. A. R.

Sir and Comrade:

I herewith respectfully submit my report as Medical Director of the Department for the past year, regretting exceedingly my inability to be present at the meeting of the Encampment.

I have received reports from but three Post Surgeons, viz.: No. 2, No. 3 and No. 10, and the only information they contain is, that the two first named have lost five comrades each by death, and the latter one, making eleven deaths reported for the year, which would be most gratifying if it included all the losses we have suffered from that cause during the year, but, alas! it does not.

Many more of those with whom we stood shoulder to shoulder in the trying days from '61 to '65 have finally surrendered to the grim reaper and joined the innumerable host of comrades on the other shore. It is greatly to be regretted that even in the cases reported there is no cause of death given, thus making the report to the Surgeon General practically valueless.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the many favors and kindnesses the comrades of this Department have extended to me, regretting that it is not my pleasure to grasp each again by the hand and wish him God-speed in the work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

C. B. MILLER, M. D.,

Medical Director.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Dillon, Montana, March 28th, 1905.

HON. HENRY N. BLAKE,

Department Commander, G. A. R.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to present the following Report of Relief rendered by the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Montana, for the year ending March 31st, 1905:

Number of Corps.....	8
Number of members in good standing.....	311
Expended in relief.....	\$ 200 20
Relief other than money.....	56 35
Southern Memorial Fund.....	5 00
Number of persons assisted.....	18
Balance in Relief Fund of Corps... ..	260 71
Balance in General Fund of Corps.....	298 83
Total value of Corps property.....	1391 46

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

ELLA KNOWLES HASKELL,

Department President.

Nomination for the place of meeting for the next Encampment was called for and the City of Bozeman was named, and upon motion duly seconded it was ordered that the next Encampment be held at Bozeman, and the time of the meeting of said Encampment be left to the Department Commander and the Council of Administration.

On motion it was ordered that the Encampment meet this evening at 7:45 o'clock to attend the entertainment at Dillon High School, whereupon an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock a. m., March 29th.

March 29, 1905.

The Encampment, pursuant to a recess, met at 10 o'clock.

The Encampment was requested to give a parade for the benefit of the school children of the City of Dillon, whereupon Comrade Rich was appointed to notify the public school that the parade would take place promptly at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

A resolution was presented by Comrade J. E. Callaway on Sergeant Payne of Boston, Massachusetts, which, upon motion, was adopted.

The hour for the election of officers having arrived, this was made the next order of business.

Comrade A. J. Fisk, of Wadsworth Post No. 3, placed the name of Col. W. F. Sanders, of William English Post No. 8, of Bozeman, in nomination for Department Commander. This nomination was seconded by the delegation from all the Posts present, and upon motion Comrade Sanders was unanimously elected Department Commander, Grand Army of the Republic, of Montana.

For Senior Vice-Commander—A. J. Fisk, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Junior Vice-Commander—Josephus Rich, Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon.

Medical Director—L. E. Holmes, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

Department Chaplain—Charles H. Davis, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

Council of Administration—E. C. Kinney, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman; Jesse Lambert, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman; Otis F. Johnson, John H. Logan Post No. 27, Plains; C. B. Newbury, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula; J. E. Callaway, Frank Blair Post No. 7, Virginia City.

Representative to National Encampment—C. B. Newbury, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula. Alternate—James M. Page, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena. Post office address, Twin Bridges, Montana.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice-Commander, have examined the same and find that it is full and correct, and we hereby recommend the approval of the same.

[Signed.]

G. W. NEWMAN.
JAMES COOK,
E. C. KINNEY,
Committee.

To the Senior Vice-Commander and Comrades of the 21st Annual Encampment G. A. R., Department of Montana:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, Comrade H. N. Blake, have had the same under consideration and have duly considered the same with all the recommendations therein contained, and beg to report: That we most highly commend the many excellencies, culture and literary value of said paper, and heartily approve the same and the whole thereof, and see nothing therein that meets with our disapproval.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. BULL,
J. M. PAGE,
JAMES E. CALLAWAY,

Department Commander:

Your Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General approve the report as made.

POPE CATLIN,
O. T. JOHNSON,
ISAAC TALBANT,

The Council of Administration would report that they have examined the books of the Quartermaster and Assistant Adjutant Generals and find them correct and in good shape.

THOS. M. O'CONNOR,
C. B. NEWBURY,
A. N. BULL,
J. F. O'LEARY,

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.

To the Commander and Comrades of the 21st Annual Encampment, Department of Montana, G. A. R.:

We, your Committee on Good of the Order, respectfully submit the following report: Your Committee finds from the general reports that the Order is in a healthy condition. We would suggest that,

while the Order consists of about 434 members with about 1400 ex-soldiers in the Department that are eligible, some means be adopted to increase our membership.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

THOS. J. MAINS,
JOHN P. HINCHILWOOD,
HENRY KEMPER.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK.

A communication was received from the State Normal School inviting the Encampment to visit that institution; was read, and upon motion, duly seconded, the invitation was unanimously accepted.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The newly elected and appointed officers, except Department Commander W. F. Sanders, who was absent, were installed in due form for the ensuing year by Commander Henry N. Blake, and upon further motion Comrade Henry N. Blake was authorized to install the Department Commander elect at the next regular meeting of Wadsworth Post No. 3, G. A. R., at Helena.

A motion was made and carried that the compensation of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General be fixed at the sum of \$75.00 each for the ensuing year, payable quarterly.

On motion the Assistant Quartermaster General was authorized to procure an official bond, and that the expense thereof be borne by the Encampment.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, are hereby tendered to Sergeant Jesse R. Paine of the Sons of Veterans, Sam Cook, New Hampshire, for his services in behalf of the Department at the National Encampment in Boston, 1904; and that the Assistant Adjutant General be

requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to Sergeant Payne, with the best wishes of the Department for his happiness and prosperity.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, are hereby tendered to the citizens of the City of Dillon, to the business establishments, the schools and their officers, and all who have contributed so largely to our pleasure during our stay here. To all, we say, God Bless you.

A vote of thanks was extended to all of the Department officers for the efficient and able manner in which the Department has been conducted during the past year.

It was recommended that the Commander-elect issue a circular letter to the respective Posts of this Department, recommending some means to increase the membership of this Department.

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, that the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General be directed to print the proceedings of this Encampment, whereupon the Encampment adjourned, sine die.

IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade GEORGE H. PIATT was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1846, and died in Los Angeles, California, February 14th, 1905. He enlisted in Co. F, 9th Ill., Cavalry, October 17th, 1864 as a private, and was discharged October 17th, 1865.

He was mustered in Wadsworth Post No. 3, G. A. R., February 2nd, 1884.

Our Comrades of Wadsworth Post need no formal assurance on our part of fullest sympathy in the loss sustained by them in his death. To whatever position he was called, he filled it with marked ability and integrity.

He was retiring in disposition, gentle and unpretentious. His walk through life may in a measure have been called by some a humble one, but it was generous and true, true as a Comrade, a friend and citizen. We have a right on our own account to grieve that he is gone, but not on his. He filled on earth the full measure of an honorable, brave and true life. The "silver cord has been loosed the golden bowl broken;" he has answered the last roll call and is at rest

GENERAL ORDERS.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,

Helena, Mont., May 2nd, 1905.

General Orders,
No. 1.

Having been elected Department Commander of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, upon the 21st day of April, 1904, I assume the duties of the office. I rely with confidence upon the zeal and effort of the Conrades of every Post in the Department to promote the high purposes of our Order during the ensuing year.

The Headquarters of the Department are established at Helena, Montana.

All communications for the Department should be addressed to Comrade Charles F. Gage, Assistant Adjutant General, Helena, Montana.

HENRY N. BLAKE,
Department Commander.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Helena, Montana, April 25, 1904.

General Orders,
No. 2.

The following officers were elected or appointed and installed to serve for the ensuing year at the Twentieth Annual Encampment, held in Missoula upon the 20th, 21st and 22nd of April, 1904, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Department Commander—Comrade Henry N. Blake, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

Senior Vice-Commander—Comrade W. H. Reed, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

Junior Vice-Commander—Comrade A. J. Fish, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Medical Director—Comrade C. B. Miller, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Department Chaplain—Comrade C. H. Davis, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

Council of Administration—Comrades John O'Leary and Thomas O'Connor, Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon; C. B. Newbury, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula; A. N. Bull, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman; and J. H. Jackson, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

Representative to National Encampments—Comrade M. B. Spier, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

Alternate—Comrade L. E. Holmes, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

STAFF OFFICERS.

Assistant Adjutant General—Comrade Charles F. Gage, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Assistant Quartermaster General—Comrade Ed. S. Walker, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Assistant Inspector General—Comrade Ferd Kennett, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

Judge Advocate General—Comrade Junius G. Sanders, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

Chief Mustering Officer—Comrade John S. Axtell, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Each Post Commander is directed to send immediately to these Headquarters the name of one comrade for appointment as Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander, and also the name of one comrade for Assistant Inspector.

Each Post Adjutant is directed to send to these Headquarters a list of the officers of his Post for the current year.

HENRY N. BLAKE,

Department Commander

CHARLES F. GAGE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,

Helena, Montana, April 29, 1904.

General Orders,
No. 3.

The thirtieth day of May is dedicated to the memory of the departed soldiers and sailors who fought during the Civil War upon the sea and land for "liberty and union, now and forever." Through their sacrifices in gladly obeying the call to duty, the flag of our country, with every star shining in its galaxy, floats in honor over a nation of freemen. Our government, "of the people, by the people, for the people," is treated with profound respect by the denizens of every part of the globe. Let us remember with patriotic joy that the grand structure of the Fathers of the Republic has been perpetuated by the deeds of another generation. On this day the members of our Order will assemble in every village of the American Union, and we cordially invite to our services in the State of Montana the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Spanish-American War Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution, Knights of Pythias, and all who are willing to assist in rendering an appropriate tribute to patriotism. May the richest flowers in the gift of Nature adorn the graves of our brethern who have passed on. The solemnity of the occasion should not be profaned by the festivities of a holiday.

It is the duty of each Post of this Department to attend religious services upon the Sunday preceding Memorial Day at the place selected for this purpose.

Post Chaplains are directed to forward their reports on Memorial Day services to the Department Chaplain, Comrade C. H. Davis, Anaconda.

It is a pleasant duty to announce that the reading of the address of President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysberg, under the rule of the National Encampment, must be a part of the services on Memorial Day.

Flags should be displayed at half-mast from sunrise to sunset.

The Department Commander believes that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department will perform his duty on Memorial Day, to the living as well as the dead.

And, above all, may his faithful record in the past, when four years of war devastated the land, stimulate the children in their love of country, their devotion to the institutions of freedom and their faith in the Republic of the United States of America.

By order

HENRY N. BLAKE,

Department Commander.

CHARLES F. GAGE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Helena, Montana, July 15, 1904.

General Orders,
No. 4.

The following Comrades are appointed on the staff of the Department Commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP AND CHIEF OF STAFF:

Robert C. Wallace, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

AIDES-DE CAMP:

B. N. Beebe, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

L. D. Beary, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

J. R. Comfort, Custer Post No. 5, Twin Bridges.

Thomas P. Cox, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

George T. Chambers, Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

J. B. Yearian, Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon.

John Anderson, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Pope Catlin, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

John Cannovan, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

F. G. Heldt, Sheridan Post No. 18, Great Falls.

J. D. Eaton, Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispell.

J. E. Sprague, George B. McClellan Post No. 24, Columbia Falls.

J. R. Hoy, John A. Logan Post No. 27, Plains.

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS:

John A. Hood, Lincoln Post No. 2, Butte.

Charles Horn, Wadsworth Post No. 3, Helena.

H. D. Rossiter, Custer Post No. 5, Sheridan.

James B. How, Frank Blair Post No. 6, Virginia City.

Thomas J. Mains, Farragut Post No. 7, Livingston.

Benjamin Bond, Steadman Post No. 8, Dillon.

A. J. Edsall, William English Post No. 10, Bozeman.

Samuel Bellew, Fred Winthrop Post No. 11, Missoula.

Lew Coleman, George G. Meade Post No. 16, Anaconda.

Ed. F. Morgan, Nat Lyons Post No. 23, Kalispell.

N. H. Morley, George B. McClellan Post No. 24, Columbia Falls.
A. L. Treat, John A. Logan Post No. 27, Plains.

By command of

HENRY N. BLAKE,

Department Commander.

CHARLES F. GAGE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,

Helena, Mont., December 17, 1905.

General Orders, No. 5.

At a meeting of Wadsworth Post No. 3, G. A. R., held December 10th, 1904, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, by Wadsworth Post No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Montana, that the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana, be requested to make an appropriation for the erection of a flag staff upon the Capitol building, and the purchase of the flag of the United States of America, to be displayed at such time as may be fixed by the Governor of the State.

The Department Commander was requested to transmit a copy to the Posts of this Department, and recommend that the same action be taken.

This resolution meets with the hearty approval of the Department Commander, and is respectfully referred to the Posts of the Department with the earnest recommendation that the subject be considered and a similar opinion be expressed.

The Adjutants of the Posts of the Department are directed to transmit to the Department Commander the proceedings thereon.

By command of

HENRY N. BLAKE,

Department Commander.

CHARLES F. GAGE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Helena, Montana, December 17, 1904.

General Orders,
No. 6.

The Department Commander respectfully calls the attention of all the officers of the Posts of the Department to the importance of making promptly the reports required in the performance of their duties. Blanks for reports have been sent to each Post.

All drafts, checks or money orders should be payable to the order of Ed. S. Walker, Assistant Quartermaster General.

By command of

HENRY N. BLAKE,

Department Commander.

CHARLES F. GAGE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Headquarters Department of Montana,

Grand Army of the Republic,

Helena, Montana, February 22, 1905.

General Orders,

No. 7.

I. The Twenty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Dillon on March 28th and 29th, 1905. Encampment will convene March 28th, at 11 a. m.

II. Headquarters will be closed at Helena on Monday, March 27th, and opened at the Metlen Hotel, Dillon, on Tuesday, March 28th, at 9 a. m., where all delegates and comrades should report and register.

III. The following Comrades are hereby appointed as a Committee on Credentials: John S. Axtell, C. M. O.; Comrades J. B. Yearian and Josephus Rich of Steadman Post No. 8. They will meet at headquarters at 10 a. m.

IV. The Council of Administration will meet at headquarters at 9:30 a. m., to examine and audit the books and records of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, and to transact any other Department business.

V. The Commander of Steadman Post No. 8 will detail comrades to act as Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard and Sentinel during the session of the Encampment, and who will report for duty to the Assistant Adjutant General at 9:30 a. m., March 28th.

VI. The railroads have made a rate of one and one-third fare based upon an attendance of fifty. The following instructions must be strictly followed: Persons attending the Encampment should purchase from the starting point one-way tickets, not more than three days prior to the opening of the Encampment (Sundays not included), and take a "ticket receipt." This receipt must be presented to the Assistant Quartermaster General for his signature before it is delivered to the local agent at Dillon for the return ticket at one-third fare. Claims to reduced return fare will be forfeited by a failure to comply with these rules.

VII. The Metlen Hotel has made a rate of \$2.50 per day for persons attending the Encampment. There are lodging houses and restaurants with lower rates for all who may desire them.

VIII. The Commander expects to greet a large and enthusiastic Encampment at Dillon. Let all come who can, if it be for but one brief hour. May we march again to the music of the drum and fife, and rejoice that peace reigns.

By command of

HENRY N. BLAKE,

Department Commander.

(*Official.*)

CHARLES F. GAGE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, 1905

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER:

WILBUR F. SANDERS..... Helena

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER:

ANDREW J. FISK..... Helena

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER:

JOSEPHUS RICH..... Dillon

CHAPLAIN:

CHARLES H. DAVIS..... Anaconda

MEDICAL DIRECTOR:

LEVI E. HOLMES..... Helena

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION:

EDWARD C. KINNEY..... Bozeman

JESSE LAMBERT..... Bozeman

OTIS F. JOHNSON..... Plains

CHARLES B. NEWBURY..... Missoula

JAMES E. CALLAWAY..... Virginia City

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT:

CHARLES B. NEWBURY..... Missoula

ALTERNATE DELEGATE:

JAMES M. PAGE..... Twin Bridges

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL:

FRANK P. STERLING..... Helena

SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP AND CHIEF OF STAFF:

MARTIN MAGINNIS..... Helena

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

ED. S. WALKER..... Helena

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL:

EVERTON J. CONGER..... Dillon

INSPECTOR GENERAL:

F. GEORGE HELDT..... Great Falls

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER:

FRANCIS M. MALONE..... Miles City

Next Department Encampment will be held at Bozeman, 1906